

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
Hybrid (in-person and/or virtual) Meeting  
September 27, 2021 - 6:00 PM**

Cumulative Attendance					
1/2021 through 9/2021					
	Members	Appt by	Attendance	Present	Absent
1	Elizabeth Adler, Chair	M	P	8	1
2	Douglas Meade	I	P	8	1
3	Vacant Position	II	-	-	-
4	Kelly Charles	IV	P	8	1
5	David Blattner	I	P	1	0
6	Owen Cylke	C	P	7	2
7	Whitney Dutton	IV	A	6	3
8	Carolann Mazza	III	P	8	1
9	Vacant Position	II	-	-	-
10	Carol Tamburry	III	A	8	1
11	Vacant Position	M	-	-	-

**Staff Present**

Public Works Department

Stephanie Wilk, Sustainability Specialist, Staff Liaison

Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager

Dr. Nancy J. Gassman, Assistant Director Public Works – Sustainability

Melissa Doyle – Program Manager, Solid Waste and Recycling

**Guests Present**

Olivier Cale – Paddle with a Purpose

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-chair Meade at 6:02 p.m. The roll was called, and a quorum was present.

### **Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes for August 24, 2021, were introduced. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Ms. Mazza and seconded by Ms. Tamburri. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Staff Liaison Report**

#### **Carbon Footprint Communication**

Mr. Hadwen shared that the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) Carbon Footprint Communication to the City Commission had been scheduled for the September 21, 2021, Commission meeting. However, lengthy discussion on other topics resulted in the Communication being deferred to the next meeting on October 5, 2021.

#### **Broward Solar Co-op 2021**

Mr. Hadwen shared that the Broward Solar Co-op is open for 2021 session. The deadline for sign up has been extended from October 15<sup>th</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Sustainability staff have been doing outreach to neighborhood associations and the Fort Lauderdale Council of Civic Association. Staff will re-circulate a flyer to the SAB through the Friday information exchange. Mr. Hadwen shared a 3D map that Jason Bocchinfuso, City of Fort Lauderdale Sustainability Administrator, created. It shows permits for Fort Lauderdale community renewable energy installation and the growth over time from 2000 to present.

### **Presentations**

#### **NFIP Overview / FEMA RIV {Dewana Davis, FEMA}**

Ms. Davis defined the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to the SAB. She explained that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the NFIP and the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA) manages flood insurance, flood maps, floodplain management, and hazard mitigation assistance grants. Joining the NFIP is a choice and if a community is an NFIP member there are compliance requirements. Ms. Davis added that for communities participating in the NFIP, FEMA agrees to make flood insurance available, and the community agrees to adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances. Further, non-participating communities would not have insurance available; they would have limited federally backed loans, and disaster assistance limitations. Ms. Davis explained what is covered under the NFIP. She summarized the Community Rating System (CRS) and how discounts are applied. Ms. Davis shared that there will be a new methodology rolling out called "Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action" that starts October 1, 2021, for new policy holders.

A question-and-answer segment ensued.

***Presentation is attached.***

### **New Business**

#### **Lockhart Stadium Discussion**

The Board decided to remove this topic from the agenda because there is not enough information at this time.

Mr. Cale, Director of *Paddle with a Purpose*, requested to speak to the Board about an upcoming neighborhood cleanup event hosted by the City of Fort Lauderdale called “Make a Difference Day”. Mr. Cale announced that the event is on October 23, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. He explained that the event is to encourage residents to cleanup around their neighborhoods and along the beach. Afterwards, there will be an awards presentation. Mr. Cale wanted to make the SAB aware of this event and is looking for more volunteers. Lastly, Mr. Cale shared that he will be speaking at the next City Commission meeting requesting support for this upcoming event and support beyond this event. He asked the SAB for their support.

Mr. Meade stated that he thought this was a great way to get the community involved and spread education on this topic. He asked the SAB if they would be willing to draft a Communication to the City Commission in support of this event and organization. The Board agreed. Mr. Meade provided a rough draft of the Communication (see proposed communication section).

### **Old Business**

#### **Climate Change and Insurance Rates**

Mr. Cylke read a Communication that he drafted and said that he would share it with Ms. Wilk to distribute it to the Board in their Friday Information Exchange email. He requested the Board members to review it and provide feedback. Mr. Hadwen reminded the Board of the previous ideas the Board has considered on this topic. The Board discussed possible strategies to bring this topic to the Commission’s attention to ensure that they are aware of possible impacts. Mr. Meade suggested that the Floodplain Manager, Richard Benton, present to the Board on this topic some time in the future.

### **Proposed Communications**

#### **Paddle with a Purpose**

The SAB agreed to draft a Communication to the City Commission to support this organization. They drafted the following:

*“As the waterways are a very active topic within the Strategies of the City of Fort Lauderdale and there are many programs that have been implemented to keep the canals clean and safe, the Sustainability Advisory Board has been introduced to ‘Paddle with a Purpose’, a local non-profit organization that brings waterway cleanup to the city as a neighbor-to-neighbor program to augment the existing city and county efforts.*

*In addition to the obvious goal of removing trash from the shoreline, their program will bring awareness of the problem to the community which will reduce littering both on and off of the waterways and encourage others to become active champions of a self-propagating anti-littering campaign.*

*Such citywide sentiment and social awareness could reduce the city’s direct involvement in clean-up and regulation of such things as plastic bags and cigarette butts that are prime liter items around the city.*

*We would like the City of Fort Lauderdale to support them in their efforts to be an ongoing organization to promote social change, education, and awareness, including providing City staff or financial assistance.”*

A motion was made to advance this Communication to the City Commission by Ms. Mazza and seconded by Ms. Tamburly. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

#### Park at One Stop Shop Location

The Board discussed whether they wanted to make recommendations to the City Commission about this project or not. Ms. Wilk recommended that one of the Board members volunteer to draft a Communication that the Board could edit and finalize in the October SAB meeting. Ms. Mazza volunteered to draft the Communication.

#### **Comments**

Ms. Meade mentioned that he would like more information on the water meter project and the Board investigate replacing streetlights throughout the City.

#### **Items for Next Meeting**

##### Presentation:

- Circular Economy {Muge Nurgun}

##### New Business:

- LEED Certified Buildings Discussion

##### Old Business:

- Insurance Rates and Climate Change Speaker

##### Proposed Communications:

- Climate Change and Insurance Rates
- Park at One Stop Shop Location

##### Future Presentations:

The Board discussed the following topics for future presentations at the November meeting:

- Water Meters
- Mixed-Use Development and Traffic Requirements

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Cylke and seconded by Ms. Mazza to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. In a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.